# The Vaucluse Newsletter

FORTNIGHTLY NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL



Rescheduled photo days Monday 14 March Wednesdays 16 March

Monday 21 march is Harmony Day. More information to come.

Week 9 - parent teacher interview. More information to come.

Monday 14 March - Reading check assessments check-in Years 4 & 6 Tuesday 15 March - Numeracy check-in assessment years 5 & 6. Watch this space for more details to follow.



Monday 21 March - Harmony Day



### THE PRINCIPALS REPORT

What a wet and miserable couple of weeks!

Students have coped very well with having limited playground time due to poor weather. Their resilience knows no bounds! We are thinking of our fellow schools in NSW that have been impacted by the floods.

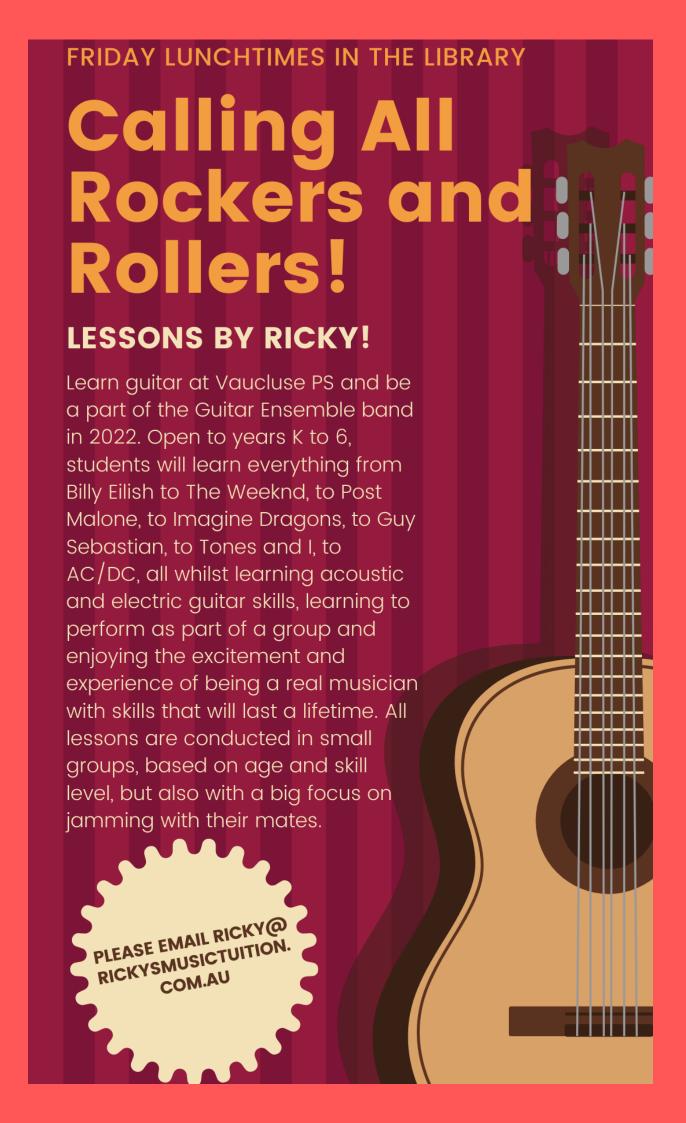
We have finalised our class parents for this year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this role. It is an extremely important channel for the communication of school information. We have had a number of questions about the appropriateness of class WhatsApp groups. We feel that the class parent forum covers all information that is needed. Unfortunately, WhatsApp groups can become platform in which parents air grievances in an unhelpful manner. To assist us with creating a positive school culture, we ask that you direct any questions to our class parents and school office.

In Week 7, we will be meeting with a number of families to discuss students who require an Individual Education Plan or Personalised Learning Pathway. This meeting will be to establish learning and wellbeing goals for the year. If this concerns you, teachers will be reaching out early next week to confirm an appropriate time. In Week 9, all parents will be welcomed on site for our Parent Teacher interviews. If preferred, parents will have the option of meeting their child's teacher via Zoom.

We hope that you all received the class information packs that were sent out last week. Tomorrow we will also email out documentation of support staff that work across the school. We aim to create a larger profile of all the important members of our school.

With all this rain, it is a timely reminder to park your car on the surrounding streets and not in the staff carpark or blocking the entrance. Please consider everyone around you. We don't like being placed in difficult situations where we need to ask you to follow the same expectations that we ask of others. Finally, thank you for your continued patience with the pick up and drop off arrangements. Students are thriving and have transitioned into the school year positively.

Miss Allen



Some of our talented students, Josh 5/6E and Jai 1/2L, and also our very own Mr Ensor competed in the Huskisson Triathlon in Jervis Bay on the weekend. Rumor has it that they all achieved excellent placements! Well done boys!













#### Vaucluse Public School - Music Program

We are excited to announce that our VPS music program will kick off next week! We have made a few changes to days and times, which we have noted below, but we have done this in the hopes that more students will be able to be apart of the program.

Playing an instrument and being part of an instrumental program can have so many benefits outside of the music learning itself. Music can help with literacy, numeracy and can assist with cognitive development as well.

The VPS program is open to all ages and will be run after school Monday-Wednesday. Lesson days and times will be allocated according to enrolments and could fall on any of the 3 days mentioned above. Band will run on Friday mornings before school from 7.50-8.50am.

Program details are as follows:

**Concert Band Program:** Open to years 3-6, instruments include clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet\*, trombone\*, bass\*, drums and piano\*. Students will be do one hour of band and a 30 minute group lesson throughout the week (piano and bass not included in the group lesson option).

**String Program:** Our string program is open to years K-6, instruments include violin, viola, cello\* and guitar.\* We will be adding a string ensemble to the VPS music program later in the year.

**Individual Instrumental program:** Private lessons are available on all instruments below. Where available we can offer flute for the younger years but generally students from years K-2 are best suited to violin, piano or guitar.

#### Instruments on offer:

Flute (fife or mini flute for students aged under 8), Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet\*, Trombone\*, Percussion, Piano\*, Guitar, Violin, Viola, Cello\*

\*Instruments available subject to lesson availability

#### **Days and Times:**

Concert Band (first session 25<sup>th</sup> of February): Friday Morning 7.50-8.50am

#### Instrumental Lessons (first sessions to commence from the 28<sup>th</sup> of February):

- Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute: Mondays and Wednesdays: 3.30pm onwards
- Violin, Viola: Mondays and Tuesday afternoons: 3.30pm onwards
- Percussion, Piano, Guitar and Brass: TBC

We have attached our flyer below and can send further information via the following email: <a href="mailto:info@themusicsuite.com.au">info@themusicsuite.com.au</a>

If you're not sure what to pick we encourage you to watch our instrumental demonstration video that was made last year: https://youtu.be/F dOLu5NzJU

We can't wait to get started and look forward to bringing our studio to Vaucluse Public School.

Kind Regards,
Jennifer Barrett
Director of The Music Suite
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## **BOOK CLUB 2022**

Hopefully by now your child has received the Book club Brochure for Term 1!

To order book you need to use the Scholastic on-line system, LOOP (Linked online ordering and payment platform). For returning students/parents you need to update your child/children's class by signing in to:

#### scholastic.com.au/LOOP

New parents need to register your child and select their class. The school receives 20% of the value of all orders to spend on books for the school.

Orders need to be completed on-line by: 18 MARCH 2:00PM

#### HOW TO ORDER USING LOOP

- 1. Log in or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/LOOP
  - 2. Click on oreder and select school and child's class name
    - 3. Add child's first and last name
- 4. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
  - 5. Make payment via credit card

Many thanks

Kate & Sharon

